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Blundering Causes Doubt

We are being told by Washington that we must send, lend or give several hundred million dollars to Greece and Turkey with the promise that some more millions must be sent first to one country and then another.

The same Washington told us to repeal the excess profits tax. The next thing to do was to bury the OPA, leaving a taste of sugar and weak controls on top of the ground. Well, we are beginning to see what the blundering on the domestic front will cost the masses. Already, take-home pay has been reduced by more than five billion dollars. Individual savings have dipped to the lowest point in six years. Already a majority of the daily wage earners have depleted their savings down to a margin of one week, meaning that unemployment will find them on their heels if they are out of work one week. And yet, corporate profits last year climbed 34 percent.

Washington told us that by lending Britain about four billion, our economy would benefit. Britain finds high prices in this country have reduced the value of that loan considerably.

Congress may be wrapped up with good intentions, but it has certainly blundered on the home front. And it is beginning to appear that its blundering is being extended to foreign lands. And such blundering is beginning to cause many folks back home to doubt all that's being told them.

A Cross, or a Torch, or a Living Tree?

By Ruth Taylor. Each of us has a burden to carry. Each of us has a load that seems too great for our strength. With one it may be a burden of grief, with another poverty, with another ill-health or heavy responsibilities, heart-aches, misunderstanding, stifled talents, expected opportunities that never materialize. What we make of these burdens, depends upon ourselves alone. They are our load of wood, which we alone can carry. To some their burdens are a cross under which the body is bowed. The valiant may strive to carry the cross, but each step becomes more difficult as the load weighs down the spirit and tires the heart. A few glory in martyrdom—but being a martyr is a lonely life.

To others their burdens are a torch. Out of the dead wood of their lives they make flaming beacon to light the way ahead for those who follow. They use their sorrows bravely as they face them boldly. The light they give forth is the high flame of courage, brightening the paths of those around them.

Still others make of their burdens a living tree. They assume the thankless task of planting their griefs that out of them may grow a living thing—a tree which will give shade and comfort to the weary traveler, a place of beauty in the world, where the song of nesting birds may bring solace to the ear as the leafy branches give rest to the heart. They tend their sorrows, not to remember them—but because their griefs have made them warm-hearted, ready to give to others even that which they may never possess for themselves.

To bear a sorrow bravely is a noble thing. But, I think, to bear a burden graciously is the better part. Once I knew a woman who was living a life of what seemed utter drudgery added to by the ingratitude and querulousness of the one whose burden she was trying to lift. When someone commiserated with her on her lot and commented on her cheerful, considerate attitude in face of provocation, she said: "Well, if I am going to be a martyr, the least I can do is to be a gracious one. There is no sense in both of us being uncomfortable."

I've remembered that, and in my own back time have tried to follow her teach-

ings. She planted a living tree whose seed has been sown far and wide. We can make of our burdens a cross, or a torch, or a living tree. Which do you do?

Muzzled

Much has been said about the Russian Iron Curtain, and while there may be a curtain, there is some reason to believe that the situation has been somewhat exaggerated.

Armond D. Willis, an information official stationed in Moscow, tells a picture somewhat different from the one that has been blown up on nearly every front page in the country and shouted over every radio network. Willis, 52 months in the Navy during the war and a former administrator at Northwestern University, was apparently muzzled when he tried to tell a story. And apparently because he dared to tell what he saw was the truth he was kicked out by our own officials.

In his parting statement, Willis was quoted as saying:

"Members of the American embassy staff in Moscow are building their reputations and their careers on being 'Russian-haters.' 'You can't be in the Moscow embassy five minutes before you hear some vicious crack about Russians."

"I think that most of our difficulties with the embassy staff were caused by the fact that my wife and I were just two ordinary guys finding a lot of average Russians who wanted to know us Americans better, who wanted to get along with us Americans as friends, and who liked us."

"We were just two normal people, finding Russians the same. But information I was releasing was going contrary to the beliefs of the American embassy, namely that Americans and Russians can't get along together, that there is no place in this world for Russians and Americans."

Very likely Willis will be branded a Communist by many in this country. But it is about time to listen to the Willis's and stop swallowing so much propaganda born of hysteria, hate and politics.

"As Others See Us"

Christian Science Monitor A recent crop of speeches should give Americans furiously to think.

The world, declares Dr. George N. Shuster, member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, fears American domination. No American military strength, but cultural domination through movies, radio, books. To this many people would add the fear of economic domination. Dr. Shuster describes as a great American illusion the belief that "everybody likes us."

This seems to deny flatly that reservoir of good will toward the United States described by Wendell Willkie and other Americans abroad. But perhaps the important thing is that the two attitudes coexist and that American actions in the next year or two will determine which one becomes predominant.

The challenge is underlined by a speaker at a conference on Near Eastern affairs at Princeton. Why, asked Dr. Matta Akrawi of Iraq, should it be so easily assumed that the West should serve as a model for the East? Must the East go through "the same program of rampant nationalism?" Does progress mean only the Western record of great wealth existing together with great poverty and of constant economic disaster?

This charge, the ground of complaint to the whole of Western civilization, and Dr. John H. Randall, Jr., of Columbia told a group of educators recently that Western civilization faces a rebirth or the grave. He expressed what is almost a platitude when he said:

In our world now we are face to face with Oriental civilization in Russia and elsewhere. Their ways of living are different, but we've got to get along with them in this world. Whether there is another renaissance depends on us. . . Without direction we'll go "at each other" instead of with each other.

Americans have long been noted as salesmen. Now they have a job of selling democracy (as the finest product of Western civilization) to the world. But the people of the world want to be sure that what they buy is going to work. And they are not willing to have a one-way trade—all imports and no exports. Americans must learn as well as teach, listen with humility as well as lead with confidence, do as they would be done by.

Is this too much to ask in the world's crisis?

The man who hits the ball over the fence can take it easy goin' around the bases.—Exchange.

Some people'll do anything for money—exceptin' work.—Exchange.

CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTIAN

John L. Goff, Minister Bible School, 9:45. Classes for all ages. J. O. Manning, supt. Morning worship, 11:00. Subject, "The Fire on the Beach." Evening praise and worship service, 7:30. Subject, "The Fire on the Beach."

Woman's Council meets Monday at 3:30 at the church. C. F. meets at the Church Tuesday, 3:30, and C. F. boys and girls will meet at 7:00 in the church.

Mid-week prayer and praise service, Wednesday, 8:00, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Barnhill on Simmons Avenue. Subject, "Somebody's Touch."

Plans are underway for the dedication of the babies of the church on Mother's Day. A warm welcome awaits all who come here.

METHODIST

B. T. Hurley, Pastor. 9:45. Church school. W. M. Manning, superintendent. 11:00. Morning worship and communion.

6:00. Evening worship and sermon. 8:00. Monday night, Circle No. 1, meets with Mrs. J. S. Whitley.

8:00. Monday night, Wesleyan Service Guild meets with Mrs. George Corey in West End.

8:00. Tuesday night, Circle No. 2 meets with Mrs. J. B. Glent. 8:00. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

HOLLY SPRINGS METHODIST

10:00 a. m., Church school. 3:00 p. m., worship and preaching services.

BAPTIST

Ira D. S. Knight, Pastor. 9:45. Sunday school, Urbin Rogers, supt.

Worship service, 11:00 a. m. Sermon by Rev. C. W. Bazemore, former local resident and now Roanoke District missionary. There'll be no evening service. 7 p. m., Training union.

Monday, 3 p. m. The W. M. U. will hold their regular monthly meeting at the church.

Wednesday, 8 p. m., mid-week prayer meeting.

Church Of The Advent (Episcopal)

John W. Hardy, Rector. 4th Sunday after Easter. Church school, 9:45.

Celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon at 11:00. The presiding bishop's fund for World Relief will be presented at the service.

Monday at 4:00, meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary at the Parish House.

Wednesday at 10:30, celebration of the Holy Communion. Choir rehearsal at 8:00, Wednesday night.

PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Worship service at 11:00 a. m. Rev. Freeman Parker will preach.

BEAR GRASS

Evening service at 7:30 p. m.

EVERETTS BAPTIST

E. R. Stewart, Pastor. 10 a. m., Bible school. 6:30 p. m., Baptist Training Union.

8 p. m., Thursday night prayer services conducted by a layman.

HAMILTON BAPTIST

E. R. Stewart, Pastor. 10 a. m., Bible school.

11 a. m., worship theme, "Preparing for a Revival." 7 p. m., Baptist Training Union discussed.

8 p. m., Evening worship. Theme: "When Can We Expect a Revival?"

Revival services each night at 8 p. m., May 4 to 14. The public is cordially invited.

HOLINESS

J. Floyd Williams, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:45. B. D. Wynn, supt.

Morning worship at 11:00. Youth service at 6:00. Evangelistic service at 7:30.

Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday night at 7:30.

CEDAR BRANCH BAPTIST

Regular services will be held at Cedar Branch Baptist Church Sunday at 11 o'clock. The theme, "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World." All members are urged to be presented and the public is invited.

W. B. Harrington is pastor.

Jamesville Baptist

Regular services will be held at Jamesville Baptist Church Sunday night at eight o'clock.

The pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, urges all members to be present.

The public is invited to all services at this church.

Radio devices are now being used by fishing firms to locate vast schools of herring.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County.

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Robert Lee Perry, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to exhibit same to the undersigned within 12 months from the

date of this notice, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 29th day of April, 1947.

AMANDA P. PERRY, Administratrix of the estate of Robert Lee Perry, deceased. Peel & Manning, Attys. at Law, Williamston, N. C. my 2-9-16-23-30 je 6

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